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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ASEAN SUMMIT: REACTION NOR VIETNAM STATEMENT

1. IN FEBRUARY 24 EDITORIAL LEADING NATIONAL DAILY
KOMPAS REACTED TO COMMENT NORTH VIETNAM DAILY QUAN DOI
NHAN DAN. EXCERPTS FOLLOW.

2. QTE THE COMMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S ARMY NEWSPAPER
QUAN DOI NHAN DAN ON THE ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING ... IS
QUITE UNSYMPATHETIC. IT SAYS THE U.S. IS MASTER
MINDING THE SUMMIT IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS PLAN FOR
INTERVENTION AND AGGRESSION AGAINST THE COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES OF SEASIA.

3. QTE THE ACCUSATION IS NOT JUST UNSYMPATHETIC BUT IS
IN FACT CONTRARY TO THE FACTS. IT IS THE ASEAN COUN-
TRIES THAT HAVE OFFERED COOPERATION. THIS OFFER WAS
FIRST MADE BY THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS JOINTLY WHEN
THEY HELD THE EIGHTH MINISTERIAL MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR 1974.
THAT WAS NOT LONG AFTER SVN AND CAMBODIA FELL INTO
COMMUNIST HANDS.

4. QTE IN VIEW OF THE ATTITUDES EXPRESSED BY THE ASEAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS THE CHARGES LEVELED BY HANOI VIA QUAN
DOI NHAN DAN AGAINST ASEAN ARE WHOLLY GROUNDLESS, UNLESS
THE COMMUNIST RULERS IN INDOCHINA INTERPRET THE DETER-

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MINATION OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES TO FIGHT COMMUNIST ARMED

MOVEMENTS IN THEIR TERRITORIES AS AN ACT OF HOSTILITY...
IF THAT IS THE CASE WE MUST BE WATCHFUL, BECAUSE THE
ARMED MOVEMENTS ARE NOT UNCOORDINATED ENDQTE. ENDUSINFO.
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